



September 2017

## ELNA General Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 11TH**

\*September meeting moved to Monday, September 11th due to the Labor Day holiday\*

### Agenda

Home Tour

Block Party

November Elections

**MEETING SEPT. 11th**

**BLOCK PARTY SEPT. 30th**  
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## From the President, September, 2017

I just dropped off my plastic bags at Dillon's, and they've got Halloween stuff for sale. Free State's Octoberfest is out. There are even leaves falling from the trees! Holy cow! Is it Fall already? Our August weather sure has been odd. Almost pleasant (meaning it has been fairly cool for August, especially after a blistering July!). There are back to school photos on Facebook, and drivers going the wrong way on the one ways (watch out!). Fall *must* be right around the corner. The summer lull has given way to a number of City projects that will impact East Lawrence. Here is a rundown.



The 9<sup>th</sup> street rebuild is moving forward. It was approved to go to a 3<sup>rd</sup>-party engineering firm to turn the concept drawings into a detailed ready to build from design document with much better cost estimates. Currently there is 2.5 million allocated for the plan, and the City is pretty confident they will come in under that number. They voted to nix burying the electrical lines when they discovered that would have caused up to a one year delay with the start of the construction of the street. They expect the build to begin next spring with a simple plan that will mostly retain a very similar streetscape to what is already there, along with a sidewalk upgrade to 6 foot wide on each side of the street. No word yet on who will pay for those sidewalks.

There is a new Arts Center Grant in the works that could fund local artists doing art across the City. We hope to continue working with the Arts Center to help make this a project that benefits our entire Arts Town.

The Downtown Grocery Store is moving through City channels. The City Commission voted to accept the request for incentives to move through the process. Also, in end of August, the HRC deferred accepting the design, asking the developer to re-submit plans that more closely aligned with downtown design standards and integrated into the residential neighborhood to the east. The Grocery Store is tied to a development of apartments and therefore will be pretty tricky to raise at the proposed location. The tough part here is, though we may love the use of the building as a grocery store to serve our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods in our food desert, uses do change over time, and buildings endure. Design must take this enduring edifice into consideration. I have faith that our City processes are up for the challenge to make this a win-win for all.

Because it is almost Fall, that means our East Lawrence Block Party is right around the corner, too! Watch for details on what to know if you're attending and how you can volunteer. Our raffle will be better, the potluck will be better, the music, the ambience! It will all be better this year! And all because of YOU! September 30<sup>th</sup> at Hobbs Park, 5-9pm. I hope to see you there!

## ***Block Party! Block Party! Block Party!***

On Saturday, September 30th, from 5--9pm, at Hobbs Park, ELNA will throw its annual block party. Join us! We will have all our favorite things -- food, entertainment, games and lots of great neighbors!

The block party can't happen without volunteers. Please read the list of events, and see what kind of help we need. Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com to volunteer.

**Food!** ELNA will supply the drinks and grilled fare. *We ask that all neighbors bring a side dish or dessert to share. Volunteer to take a turn at the grill. Volunteer to be on trash duty.*

**Best Dish!** By popular demand, our annual Best Dish competition. We want you to bring out your best for the block party. There will be a contest for the best side dishes, dessert and vegetarian fare. *Volunteer to be a judge!*

**Cake Walk! Cake Walk! Cake Walk!** The cakewalk, a neighborhood favorite, always popular with the kids, is back! *We need you to donate a cake! If you plan to play cake walk, bring a cake!*

**Prizes!** We always have great raffle prizes, and we need donations to make this happen. *Donate your art! Go out and ask for donations!* Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you have an item for the prizes. *Consider volunteering for a shift at the raffle table.* Say hello to lots of folks and collect raffle ticket money and memberships. So easy!

**Music!** East Lawrence always brings out its best musicians on this night. *Would you and your band like to play? Wanna accompany the cakewalk?* Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you'd like to play or volunteer.

**Bike Repair!** Get your bike fixed by our friendly neighborhood bike mechanics! *It's the perfect time to start your bicycle commute!*

**ELNA T-shirts!** ELNA tshirts will be for sale at the block party. What fall wardrobe is complete without an ELNA shirt? Maybe we'll even have ELNA hoodies in stock again!

**Set-Up & Take-Down!** *Be an ELNA hero, volunteer to set up or take down!*

**Trash Duty!** Not glamorous, but NEEDED! *Volunteer to be on trash duty!*

## **3 Easy Ways to Give to ELNA**

1. Membership -- Fill out the membership form on the last page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your membership fee. If you're feeling generous, or you don't have change, consider enclosing an additional donation.

2. Purchase an ad -- If you own or work for a business you think East Lawrencians need to know about, consider purchasing an ad in this paper newsletter. A business card sized ad can be as little as \$16 for a single issue run. New this year, we can offer a ½ page, back of the fold, single issue ad for \$300. Full advertising rates and more information about conditions of our ad are available on our website: eastlawrence.com.

3. Donate your metal -- the 12th and Haskell Recycling Center (actually at 11th and Haskell) will accept your metal recycling and donate the proceeds to ELNA. Just tell them you'd like to put the money in our account.

Thanks, friends!

## **What's Up with That Header?**

Return to your roots, East Lawrence! You may notice the header image of this newsletter is different than usual. It's actually the same header as was used in the September 1983 issue.

In 1983, East Lawrence citizens were fighting the City over the demolition of a large swath of the north western portion of East Lawrence to make way for the (now) infamous Haskell Loop. Within the next several years, numerous abandoned plots in East Lawrence were being sold by the City, by lottery and for phenomenally low prices, in contrast to currently rising land costs. It was a very different environment in East Lawrence in 1983, yet that header still seems relevant. We still like our bikes and dogs and ball at Hobbs Park.

As a bonus, here's a little excerpt from the September 1983 East Lawrence News:

PS: The idea of a twelve page newsletter makes us sweat...

"Bigger and Better

This edition of the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS is the first to make use of two new pieces of equipment purchased with revenue from the sale of ads.

A waxing machine makes layout and paste up much faster neater and more accurate than the rubber cement method formerly used.

A bulk film loader enables the newsletter to purchase film in 100 foot reels rather than one small roll at a time, providing for tremendous savings.

These two pieces of equipment cost less than the price of the newsletter's first ever full page ad, purchased by the Jazzhaus this month.

With pasteup easier, photos cheaper, and ad revenue increasing, the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS will soon be expanding to a 12-page format. "

## Alternative Book Fair

Friend and neighbor, New York parent, Shannon Berquist, is organizing an Alternative Book Fair this fall for New York Elementary. And she needs your help and donations!

We believe all children should experience the magic of reading as often and as easily as possible. Unfortunately, because 66% of New York Students receive free or reduced lunch, traditional book fairs are outside the price range of the majority of our families. We need a better way to get affordable books into the hands, and homes, of our students! Enter the Alternative Book Fair! With funds donated from the community, our group plans to buy high quality, new books in bulk from alternate book sources. No toys, no gimmicks, all available to our students for \$1-\$4. Our goal is to raise \$1000 to buy 500 books. In an effort to keep our event sustainable, all proceeds from the Fall 2017 Book Fair will be used to fund the 2018 Book Fair.

Please donate! Your financial contribution can make this Alternative Book Fair happen. If you can give five or five hundred dollars, every dollar will help us toward our goal. You may drop off or mail your contribution to: Book Fair Fund, % New York Elementary, 936 New York, Lawrence KS 66044.

With questions, you may contact Shannon, [shannon.berquist@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.berquist@gmail.com) or 785-979-6004. Donations will also be accepted at the ELNA Block Party on September 30th.

### Vote!

As noted in previous newsletters, ELNA does not endorse any candidate for election to any office. We do, however, encourage all East Lawrencians to get out and exercise their right to vote. A general election has been scheduled for Tuesday November 7th 2017. Advance voting options are available as well. Most of East Lawrence polls at New York Elementary, but some residences at the extremities of our boundaries will poll at Trinity Lutheran Church and the East Lawrence Rec Center. If you have any question as to your polling place, or the status of your voter registration, you can visit our very informative County Clerk's Office website:

[douglascountyks.org/depts/county-clerk](http://douglascountyks.org/depts/county-clerk).

You can even check your voting history and view sample ballots.

## Meeting Dates

Cut it out and save it! Here's a list of meeting dates and locations through next spring, as we currently know them. Each date is a Monday, and the meeting will run from 7-9pm. If you're ever in doubt as to when and where ELNA is meeting next, look to our website and facebook pages for the latest information.

Sept 11th — New York School - moved one week due to Labor Day

Oct 2nd — New York School

Nov 6th — New York School - Board Election, details to come

Dec 4th — New York School

Jan 8th — Delaware St Commons Common House

Feb 5th — New York School

Mar 5th — New York School

Apr 2nd — New York School

May 7th — New York School

## Student Semester Bus Pass Offered

Lawrence Transit is pleased to announce a new lower priced bus pass that will allow more Lawrence K-12 students to have easier access to transportation throughout the year.

For only \$10, the student semester bus pass is good for unlimited rides for four months. Pass will be offered for fall (Sept-Dec), spring (Jan-Apr), and summer (May-Aug). The fall pass is available for purchase starting Aug. 14 at City Hall, Dillons, Hy-Vee, The Merc, and Parks & Recreation facilities.

"Riding the bus is a great way to save money, help the environment, and become less dependent on parents for getting to and from school and activities," Nugent said. "We have lots of resources available to assist first-time riders, including a real-time app that shows when the next bus is coming."

For more information about how to ride the bus, visit [www.lawrencetransit.org](http://www.lawrencetransit.org) or call (785) 864-4644.

## Do You Have Medical Equipment In Your Home?

An important notice from Westar for residential customers concerning medical equipment in your home:

Please contact Westar Energy at 866-515-0857 if you or a permanent member of your household uses medical equipment that requires life-sustaining, continuous electric service, such as: oxygen concentrator, kidney dialysis machine, infant apnea monitor, electric feeding pump. Our customer advisors will provide additional information and instructions on how to learn if you are qualified for our Life Support Program.

# Independent Survey on Lawrence Police Department

Independent citizen survey being conducted to provide information for Lawrence Police Department.

A local firm, Allegro Training & Consulting, is conducting an independent survey commissioned through the City of Lawrence, to determine Lawrence citizen's sense of engagement, interaction, safety, and support with their local Lawrence Kansas Police Department. This is an anonymous survey designed as a tool to generate ideas and insights for improved relations and law enforcement practices with the Lawrence Police Department and the citizens they serve.

The survey runs from August 7 to September 15, 2017 and is accessible online:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5TH3NV](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5TH3NV)

Allegro Training & Consulting will present summary survey results at a future City Commission Meeting and summary information will be made available in public formats.

Survey findings along with recommendations will be developed by Allegro Training & Consulting staff and reviewed by a diverse / multicultural / intersectional community review board. The final findings and recommendations will be reported in general terms with relevant data including (but not limited to) gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomics, etc. As part of the Lawrence Police Departments commitment to excellence in Community Policing, they are anticipating using the results of this survey in their ongoing strategic planning in the areas of: Recruiting & Hiring, Officer/Civilian Development, Citizen Engagement and Measurement & Evaluation tools.

More information is available online here:  
[www.allegrospeakers.com/citizens-survey/](http://www.allegrospeakers.com/citizens-survey/)  
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# Fall Compost Sale

Thursday through Saturday, September 14, 15, 16  
from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
City Compost Facility, 1420 E. 11th Street

The City will load trucks and trailers. The City cannot load trucks with ladder racks.

\$10 per bucket load, equivalent to two cubic yards. CASH only.

Self-loading small quantities (small bag, plastic tote, box) free. Please bring a shovel.

Bring a tarp to secure woodchips in trucks and trailers to prevent littering the roadway.

Compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications, but rather for the citizens of Lawrence.

## SATURDAY COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALES

Every Saturday, Beginning March 4 – mid-December, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: 1420 E. 11th Street which is east of 11th and Haskell Avenue, over the railroad tracks

Compost and woodchips are for SELF LOAD ONLY, except the FIRST SATURDAYS of each month (April-October) the city will load truck and trailers (no ladder racks).

Pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load and small quantities will be free. CASH only.

What is Compost?

Compost consists of decayed organic matter and has been proven to be extremely successful as a natural soil amendment. Lawrence Community Compost is made from the yard trimmings and small woody debris collected curbside on Monday mornings, as well as grass clippings, leaves, and woody debris from some commercial lawn care providers.

What is Mulch?

Mulch is a material used to cover the soil. Most mulches are organic (woodchips, unfinished compost, straw) but inorganics such as lava rock or limestone can add an appealing, low maintenance touch. Good mulch conserves water by reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. The woodchips the City sells are made from tree materials brought in from residential and commercial sources. Note: Woodchips may contain Emerald Ash Borer. Transportation within counties quarantined for Emerald Ash Borer is okay. Do not transport woodchips outside of the listed quarantined counties: Atchison, Doniphan, Douglas, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte.

# Conservation Overlays – A Summary

Per an ELNA Board request, and courtesy of research by KT Walsh, here's a summary of what a Conservation Overlay is. Thanks owed also to the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina.

What is a Conservation Overlay?

A Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District (NCOD) is a zoning tool used to preserve, revitalize, protect and enhance significant older areas within a community beyond what is specified in the standard code. The conservation overlay regulations are applied in addition to standard zoning regulations and will usually take precedence. NCOD regulations will differ from neighborhood to neighborhood, depending on the area's character and needs.

What's the difference between a Historic District and a NCOD?

Both a NCOD and a historic district are overlay districts; however, a NCOD will typically regulate fewer features and will focus more on significant character defining features, such as lot size, building height, setbacks, streetscapes, and tree protection. Unlike historic districts, NCOD rarely consider specific elements, such as windows, building materials, colors, and decorative details. In addition, most NCODs do not include demolition delays, a tool utilized in historic districts.

What are the criteria needed for an NCOD?

The exact criteria for an NCOD in any specific location must be acquired from a city's local planning department.

But, for example, the City of Chapel Hill, North Carolina utilizes the following requirements:

Area must include one block face (all lots on one side of a block, at minimum)

Area must have been developed at least 25 years before applying for an NCO

75% of the land in proposed area must be presently improved

Area must create a consistent setting, character, or association by possessing at least one of the following:

Scale, size, type of construction, or distinctive building material

Lot layouts, setbacks, street layouts, alleys or sidewalks

Special natural or streetscape characteristics (i.e. creek beds, parks, gardens, street landscaping)

Abuts or links designated historic landmarks or districts

Area must be mostly residential in nature and character

How is an NCOD formed?

Again, the local planning department determines the specific processes required to form a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District. For example, the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina follows these steps:

1. Pre-application to determine eligibility
2. Submit to City Planning Staff
3. Include: boundary of proposed district (identify each property within the district), written endorsement by the Neighborhood Association Executive Committee and a copy of the current bylaws, original petition with signatures of 55% of property owners in a district
4. If all above is approved, following steps may continue:
  - a. Inventory including description of natural and built features of area (2 maps supplied by planning staff – national register district neighborhoods may be included)
  - b. planning staff assigned to review to make sure properly completed
  - c. conservation standards list constructed
  - d. final submission, notification, and adoption by the City



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*I ask for your vote on November 7th!*

Paid for by the Lisa Larsen for City Commission Committee, Sarah Merriam, Treasurer

## COTTIN'S HARDWARE & RENTAL

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Cottin's Hardware Farmers Market  
Thursdays  
May - September 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
October - April 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



## Hate Has No Home Here

Hate Has No Home Here yard signs available through local GoFundMe. This vivid sign campaign promotes just and inclusive communities by encouraging neighbors to declare their homes, schools, businesses, and places of worship to be safe places where everyone is welcome and valued: <https://www.gofundme.com/LFKnohate>

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## TENANTS TO HOMEOWNERS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

*Tenants to Homeowners - Quarter of a Century Celebration*

Come Be a Part of Our Annual

"Every Home Can Be a Castle" Auction, Raffle, Live Music, Food and Family Fun!

### Tickets:

General Admission - \$12  
Children under 16 - FREE

### When:

Sat, September 16, 2017  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM CDT

### Location:

Cindy & Geoff Strole Community Cottage  
2525 Cedarwood Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66046

For tickets, visit the Eventbrite event

Search "Lawrence Community Housing Trust 25 Years of Affordable Housing"

# Join ELNA for \$1.00

## HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – GET A BIG BANG FOR A BUCK!

Your \$1.00 membership in ELNA and contact information help us represent East Lawrence in our city and county government and to meet the needs of our neighborhood. Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

### Support us. Let us support you.

- \$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals                      \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals
- \$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities            \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
- \$100.00 lifetime individual membership

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

**Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on \*new\* tshirts and merchandise!**

**Click the paypal button to donate securely there!**

# ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- \_\_\_ Work Days
- \_\_\_ YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- \_\_\_ Block Party
- \_\_\_ Adopt-A-Family
- \_\_\_ Art
- \_\_\_ Music
- \_\_\_ Photography
- \_\_\_ Gardening
- \_\_\_ Grilling
- \_\_\_ Fund Raising
- \_\_\_ Historic Preservation
- \_\_\_ Serving on the ELNA Board
- \_\_\_ Website/Technical Management
- \_\_\_ Baking/Cooking
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lawrence Loop Alignment Study

The city continues to be a leader in the construction and development of trails and paths which allow our residents access to all parts of the community by walking or biking. The Lawrence Loop is a project that, when completed, will provide a continuous 22-mile trail around the city limits. Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department are working together to develop the Lawrence Loop as an amenity for the community. The city has added two sections to the trail in 2016 alone including trails through Rock Chalk Park and another section called the Baldwin Creek Trail, also in northwest Lawrence.

We are conducting an alternative analysis to determine the feasibility of alignments for two incomplete sections of bikeway between the north end of the Burroughs Creek Rail Trail along 11th Street to the Shared Use Path in Burcham Park and the west side of the Sandra Shaw Trail to the Peterson Road Shared Use Path.

The first open house was held on June 12, 2017. Public input is currently under review. A second open house will be held September 18th, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Lawrence Public Library.

The Lawrence Loop now has a Facebook page. Just search on "LawrenceKSLoop" and join to communicate with other Loopers and keep up-to-date on free family activities, events, route alignment news, and volunteer opportunities. Other Lawrence Loop social media channels include Instagram #lawrenceksloop, and Twitter "@LawrenceKSLoop"

Watch the Lawrence Loop page on the City website for more information as it is available:

<https://lawrenceks.org/loop/>

View the Bicycle Rideability Map:

<https://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap/>

View the Lawrence Loop and the bikeway network:

<https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/pedbike/ExistingPlanned&Loop.pdf>

View the study timeline:

<https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/mpo/pedbike/AlignmentStudyTimeline.pdf>

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# Save the Date!

## East Lawrence Home Tour Fundraiser

October 21st, 2017,  
10am-4pm

Tour includes 8 homes -- 4 older homes, and 4 new  
-- within the bounds of Old East Lawrence.

Tickets, \$15 in advance and \$20 day of, will be  
available for purchase at the ELNA Block Party (Sept  
30th at Hobbs Park), on the ELNA website  
[www.eastlawrence.com](http://www.eastlawrence.com), and possibly other  
locations.

Watch the ELNA Facebook page and website for  
details as we have them.